

Renton Library Advisory Board



**Meeting Minutes
Meadow Crest Early Learning Center
1800 Index Avenue SE
November 20, 2013 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Suzi Ure
City Staff: Peter Renner, Diane Wagner
KCLS Staff: Judith Zelter

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laurie Beden, seconded by Suzi Ure, to approve the agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve October 2013 minutes, Suzi Ure seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. CITY REPORT/ Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner

Peter Renner provided an update on the November 18, 2013, Committee of the Whole presentation regarding an update on both Libraries. A discussion on permitting followed along with discussion regarding Sunset Boulevard utilities/transportation planning.

VII. KCLS REPORT/JUDITH ZETLER

Judith reviewed statistics on Library usages/visits. She also shared pictures of different activities held at the Library. Judith provided an update on the Renton Council PTSA presentation by Fred/Becca. Judith highlighted KCLS opportunities and database information: "Connect" aligns with goals for all parties involved. Thank you to Catherine and Judith for coordinating this process.

Judith also provided a copy of the KCLS 2014 Preliminary Budget Initiative booklet for each Board Member for review.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Since there will be two Libraries closed at the same time, discussions occurred about the Board addressing a letter to KCLS recommending extended hours at other open libraries.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Janice Kelly was introduced by Terry Higashiyama. Dr. Kelly presented an update slideshow and described in detail the school and their three wings, Ladybug, Honeybee, and Dragonfly. The wings are accordingly color coded with Red, Yellow, and Blue. The school offers high quality preschool learning for children ages 3-5. Students participate in learning activities, social development, and problem-solving. Support services include speech and language pathologies, a full time nurse, and occupation and physical therapists. Capacity is 700 with current enrollment at 560 and expected to be at 600 by mid-February. There are all-day, morning, and afternoon sessions. The building is approximately 70,000 sf. The rooms are very sound proof with a sound system in each room and teachers wear microphones. Main focus is social skills, communication, motor skills, equity/access; equal access for all children regardless of color, nationality/ethnicity, all children have access

X. INFORMATION

Terry shared a Center of Hope Report, included in the handouts, and there was some discussion of the recent Library Advisory Board Forum, attended by Laurie, Lynne, and Suzi.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Suzi Ure and seconded by Erica Richey to adjourn the November meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

DECEMBER MEETING

** * Location changed * **

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Renton History Museum

235 Mill Avenue South, Renton, WA 98057

Telephone 425.255.2330



JANUARY 2014 MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

Renton City Hall

1055 South Grady Way, 7th Floor Council Conference Room

Telephone 425.430.6574